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The Honorable Sam Nunn, Chairman Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations Committee on Governmental Affairs United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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The Director has asked me to respond to your letter of August 18, 1987, inviting him to testify at the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations' hearings on defectors and political refugees from the Soviet Union and other communist-bloc countries, which have been set for September 15 and 16, 1987.

Unfortunately, Judge Webster will be absent from Washington on official business during the period 8-23 September and will therefore not be able to testify on either September 15 or 16. My office has been in contact with both Eleanore Hill and John Sopko of the Subcommittee's staff to convey this information and to provide alternative dates in October when he would be available. It is my understanding that a decision on rescheduling the hearing in light of the Director's October schedule will be forthcoming shortly.

You may be assured that the Director is prepared to cooperate fully with you on this important subject.

Sincerely,

Acting Director of Congressional Affairs

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